

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were pending and under consideration in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action of April 20, 2009, claims 1-10 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 4 and 6 are amended.

I. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 4 for various informalities.

The Applicant has amended the claim taking into consideration the Examiner's suggestions. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of this objection.

II. Objection To Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because Figure 5 does not match the disclosure in the specification.

Figure 5 is amended to correctly reflect the disclosure made in the specification.

No new matter was introduced in making these amendments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1, 3, 4-6 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by *Eggers et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,058).

Claims 2, 7 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by *Eggers* in view of *Porambo et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,450,624).

Applicant respectfully traverses both of these rejections.

In relevant part, claim 1 recites a control unit which switches between a first mode and a second mode in response to a predetermined user input of the operating unit where, in the first mode, the power to the digital reproducing unit is on while the tuner unit receives the broadcast

and sends the broadcast to an amplifier unit and in the second mode, the power to the digital reproducing unit is off while the tuner unit receives the broadcast and sends the broadcast to the amplifier unit.

Nowhere do *Eggers* and *Porambo* disclose anything pertaining to a control unit which switches between a first mode and a second mode in response to a predetermined user input of the operating unit where, in the first mode, the power to the digital reproducing unit is on while the tuner unit receives the broadcast and sends the broadcast to an amplifier unit and in the second mode, the power to the digital reproducing unit is off while the tuner unit receives the broadcast and sends the broadcast to the amplifier unit. Instead, *Eggers* discloses switching circuitry which switches connections between audio devices and two tuner units. See, U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,058, Col. 4, l. 42-51. Further, as Figures 3 of *Eggers* demonstrates, the switching unit in *Eggers* is incapable of powering the CD unit and also powering the tuner unit because the switching unit can only select one unit per tuner. See, U.S. Pat. No. 5,692,058, Figure 3. *Porambo*, similarly, fails to disclose anything pertaining to turning a digital reproducing unit on or off, much less turning a digital reproducing unit on or off based on a mode determined by a user input.

As the current application teaches, by providing a control unit which switches between a first mode and a second mode in response to a predetermined user input of the operating unit where, in the first mode, the power to the digital reproducing unit is on while the tuner unit receives the broadcast and sends the broadcast to an amplifier unit and in the second mode, the power to the digital reproducing unit is off while the tuner unit receives the broadcast and sends the broadcast to the amplifier unit, any delay caused during caused by the initial powering of the

digital reproducing unit or loading information from the digital reproducing unit is eliminated.

(See, U.S. Pub. 2005/0090214 Para. [0017]).

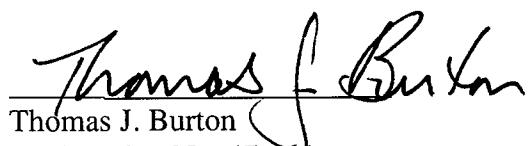
Therefore, because *Eggers*, *Porambo*, or any combination of the two fails to disclose or even fairly suggest all of the features of the claim 1, the rejection is improper. Because claims 2-5 depend, either directly or indirectly from claim 1, those claims are patentable at least for the same reasons.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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